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LYCOPENE THE TOMATOY POODLE

YES, THIS IS JUMP!

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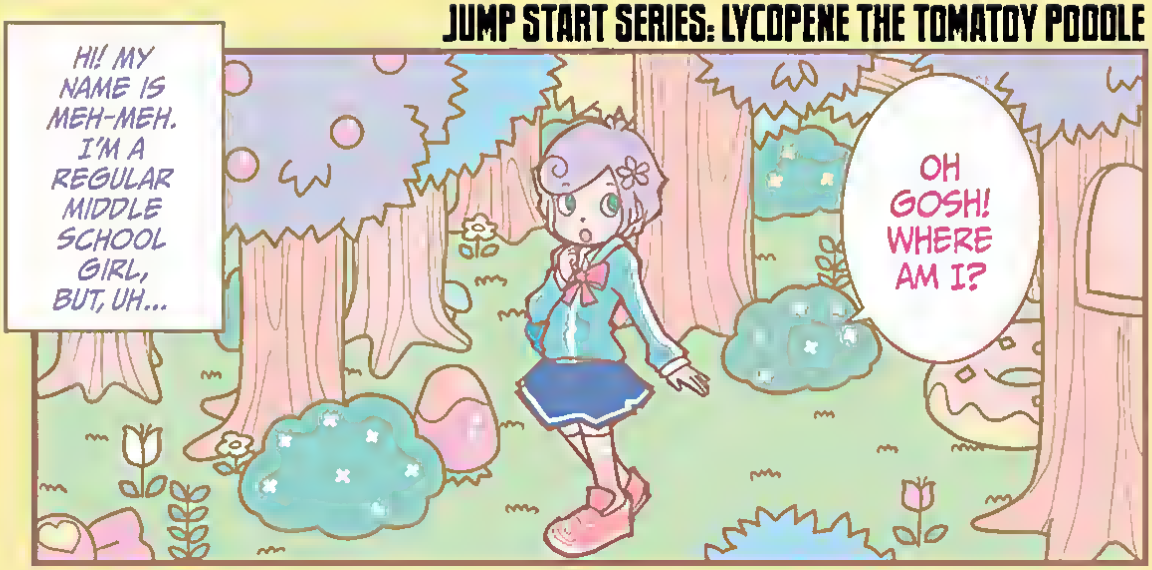
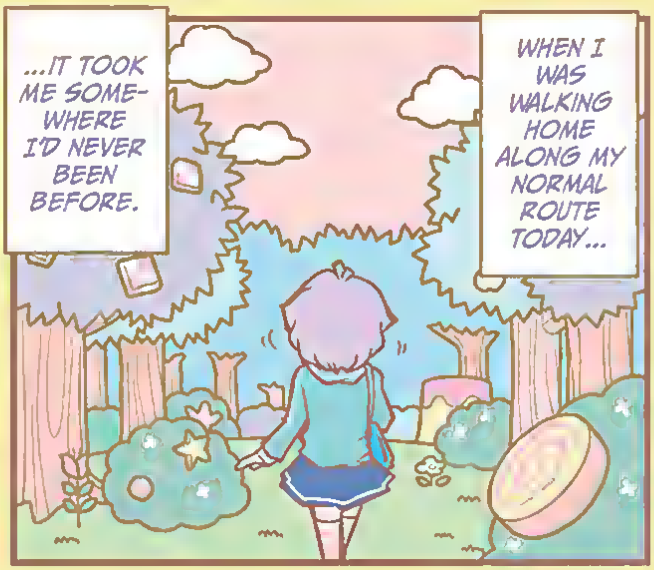

HI! MY NAME IS MEH-MEH. I'M A REGULAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL, BUT, UH...
OH GOSH! WHERE AM I?

NO. THIS ISN'T A DREAM.
OWWIE!
PINCH
AM I DREAM-ING?


...IT TOOK ME SOME-WHERE I'D NEVER BEEN BEFORE.
WHEN I WAS WALKING HOME ALONG MY NORMAL ROUTE TODAY...

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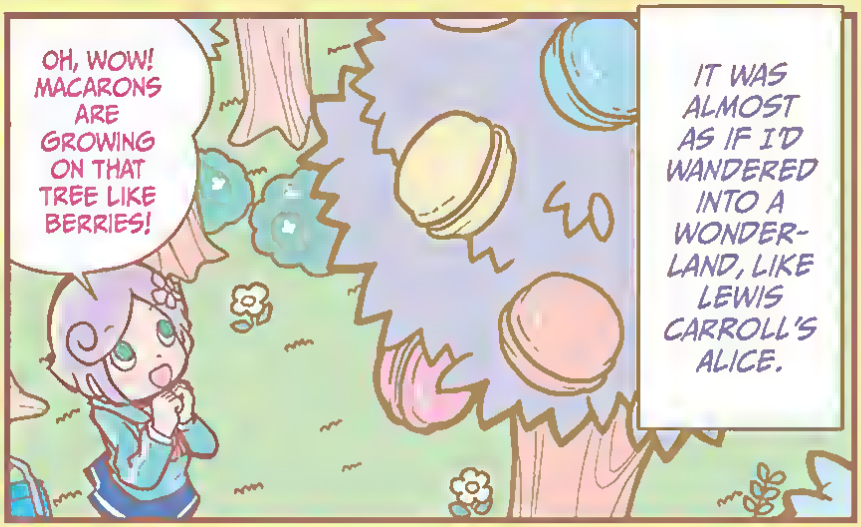
OH, WOW! MACARONS ARE GROWING ON THAT TREE LIKE BERRIES!
IT WAS ALMOST AS IF I'D WANDERED INTO A WONDER-LAND, LIKE LEWIS CARROLL'S ALICE.

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LYCOPENE THE TOMATOY POODLE

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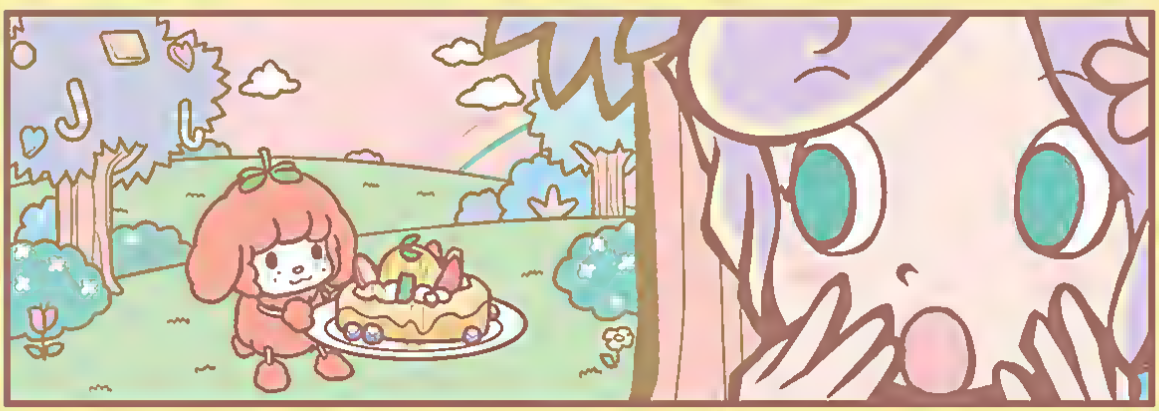
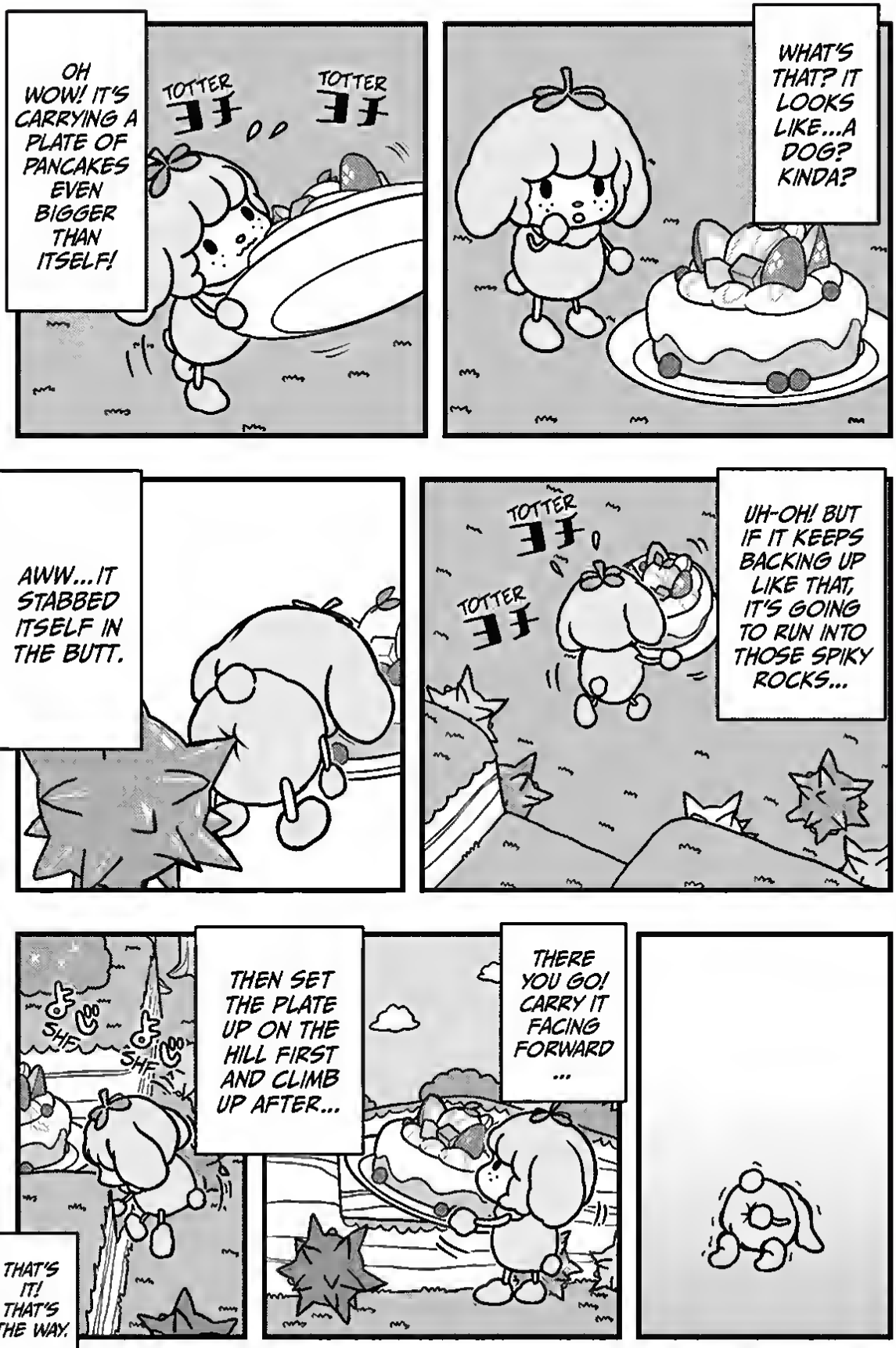
BY KOJI OISHI




OH WOW! IT'S CARRYING A PLATE OF PANCAKES EVEN BIGGER THAN ITSELF!
TOTTER
TOTTER
WHAT'S THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE...A DOG? KINDA?
AWW...IT STABBED ITSELF IN THE BUTT.
TOTTER
TOTTER
UH-OH! BUT IF IT KEEPS BACKING UP LIKE THAT, IT'S GOING TO RUN INTO THOSE SPIKY ROCKS...
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE WAY.
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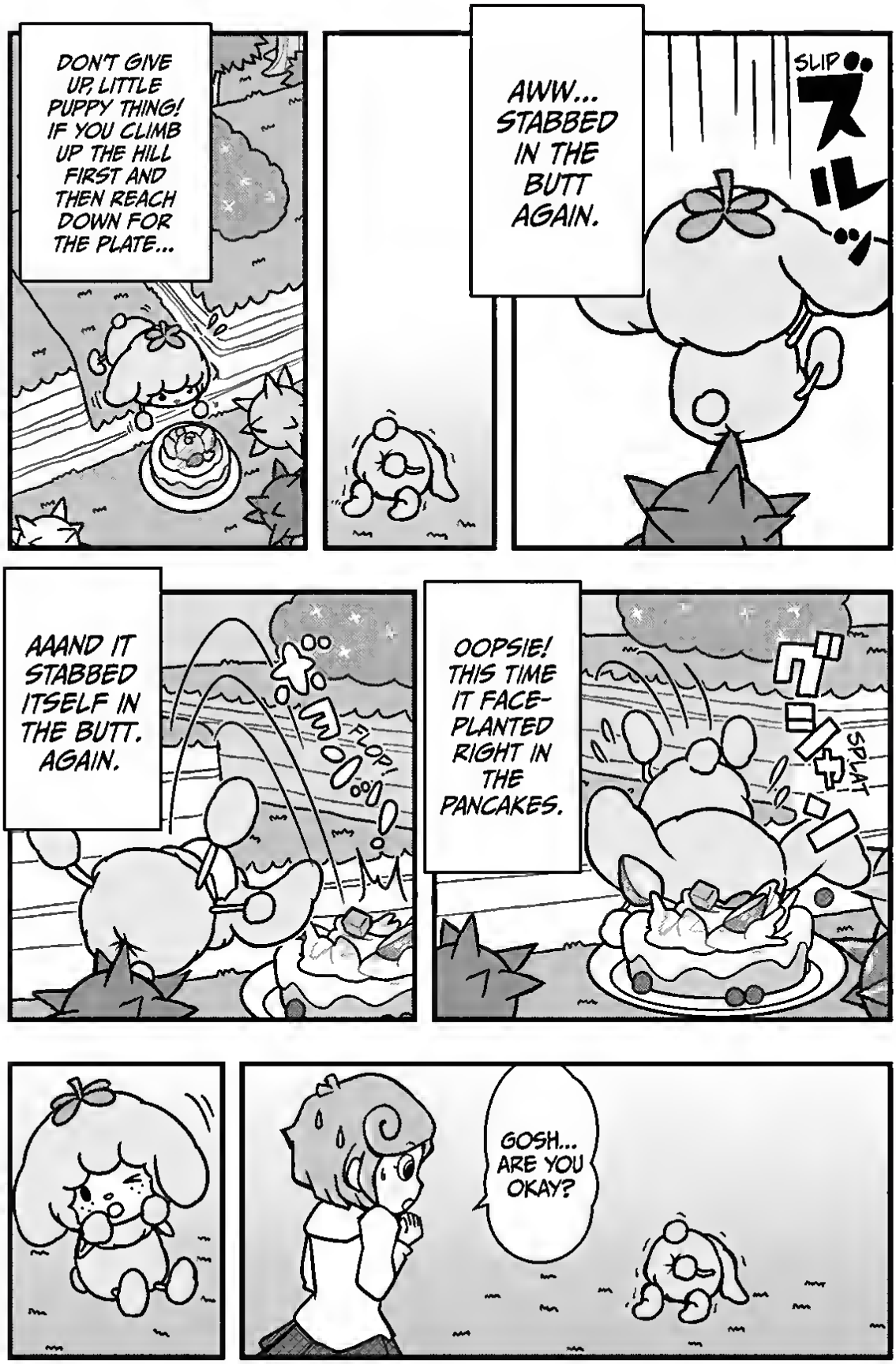
THEN SET THE PLATE UP ON THE HILL FIRST AND CLIMB UP AFTER...
THERE YOU GO! CARRY IT FACING FORWARD ...


DON'T GIVE UP, LITTLE PUPPY THING! IF YOU CLIMB UP THE HILL FIRST AND THEN REACH DOWN FOR THE PLATE...
AWW... STABBED IN THE BUTT AGAIN.
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AAAND IT STABBED ITSELF IN THE BUTT. AGAIN.
FLOP!
OOPSIE! THIS TIME IT FACE-PLANTED RIGHT IN THE PANCAKES.
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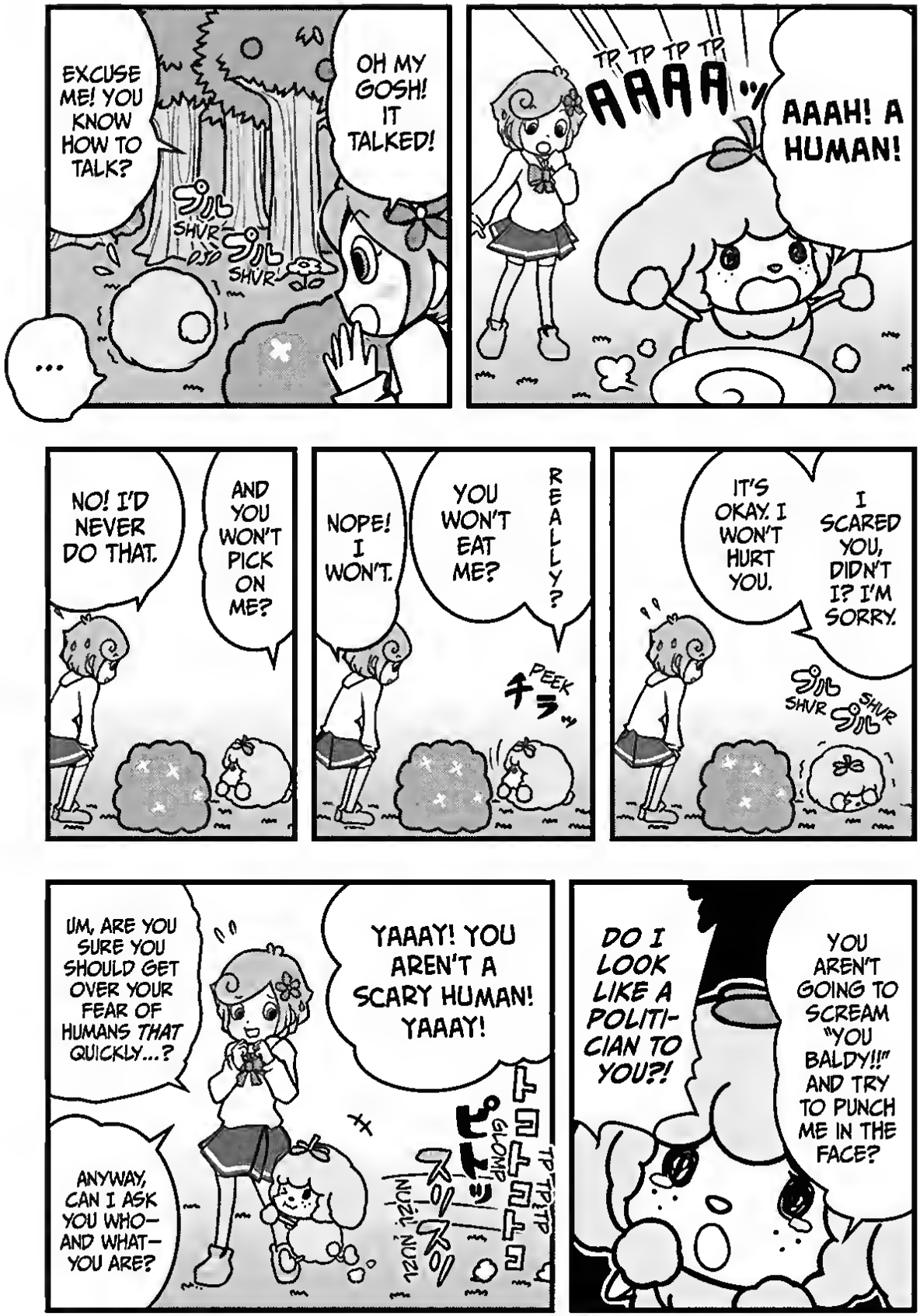
SPLAT
GOSH... ARE YOU OKAY?


EXCUSE ME! YOU KNOW HOW TO TALK?
OH MY GOSH! IT TALKED!
SHVR
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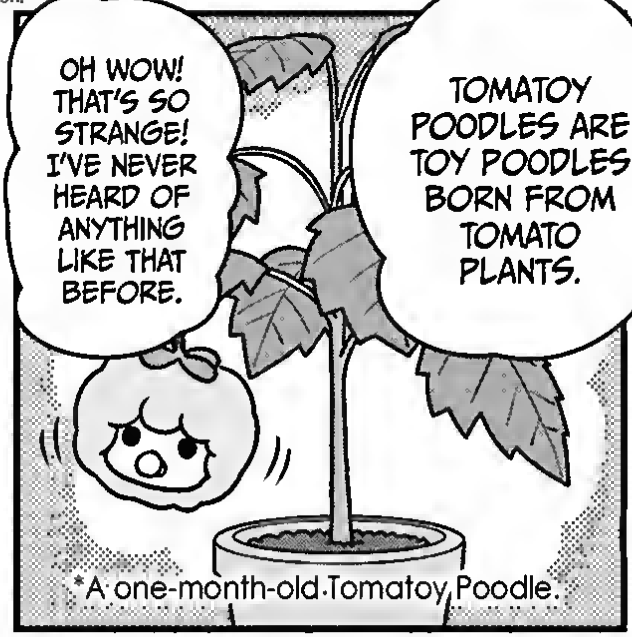
TP TP TP TP
AAAA
AAAH! A HUMAN!
NO! I'D NEVER DO THAT.
AND YOU WON'T PICK ON ME?
NOPE! I WON'T.
YOU WON'T EAT ME?
REALLY?
PEEK
IT'S OKAY. I WON'T HURT YOU.
I SCARED YOU, DIDN'T I? I'M SORRY.
SHVR
SHVR
UM, ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD GET OVER YOUR FEAR OF HUMANS THAT QUICKLY...?
YAAAY! YOU AREN'T A SCARY HUMAN! YAAAY!
TPTPTP
GLOMP
NUZZ NUZZ
ANYWAY, CAN I ASK YOU WHO— AND WHAT— YOU ARE?
DO I LOOK LIKE A POLITI-CIAN TO YOU?!
YOU AREN'T GOING TO SCREAM "YOU BALDY!!" AND TRY TO PUNCH ME IN THE FACE?

*This refers to a scandal from June 2017, when lawmaker Mayuka Tayata was accused of verbally and physically abusing her secretary.

*Akira Ikegami is a TV journalist well known for explaining current issues to viewers in easily understandable ways. His catchphrase is "Ii shitsumon desune," or "That's a good question."

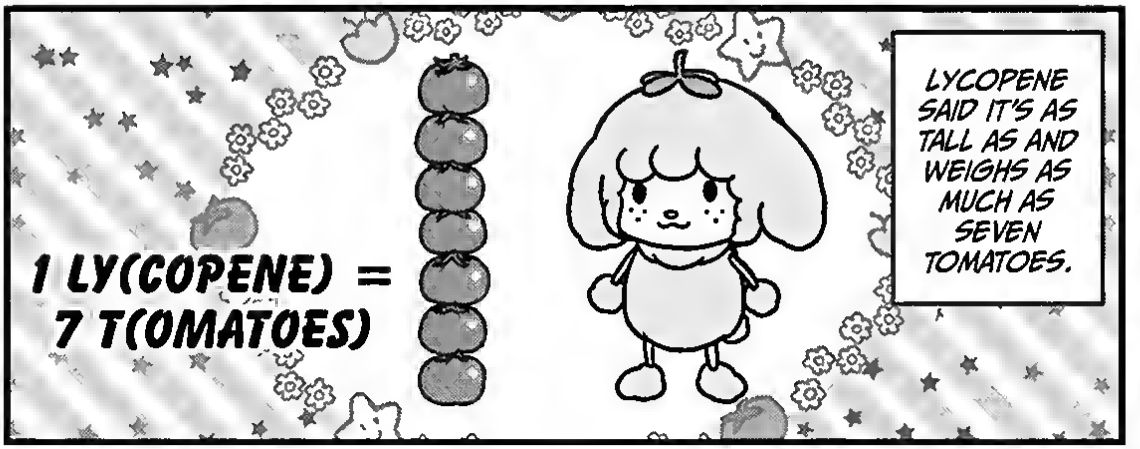

OH WOW! THAT'S SO STRANGE! I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE.
TOMATOY POODLES ARE TOY POODLES BORN FROM TOMATO PLANTS.
*A one-month-old Tomatoy Poodle.

*Inti Raymi is an Incan sun festival.

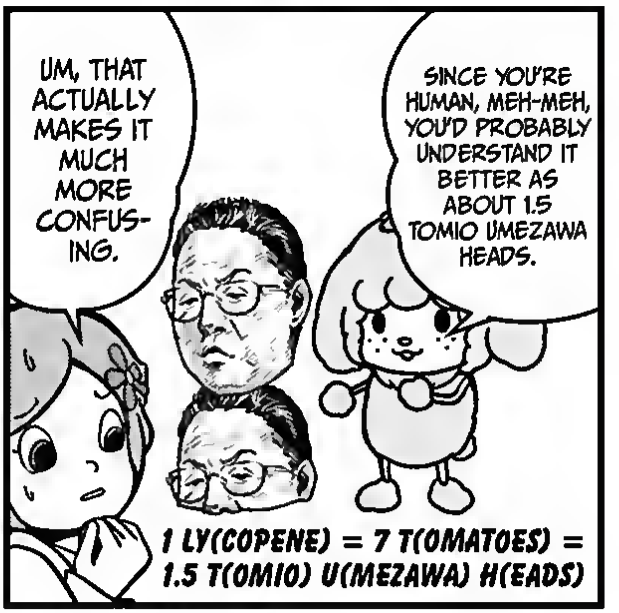
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE AT ALL...
HEY, LYCOPENE? CAN YOU HELP ME? I'M SO CONFUSED.
OR ABOUT YOU EITHER.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, LYCOPENE!
I'M MEH-MEH. MEH-MEH AMATO!
SURE! I'D LOVE TO!
I'LL HELP YOU IF YOU'LL BE MY FRIEND.
UMM, OKAY. HOW ABOUT THIS?
HMM! WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO?
WELL, ISN'T THIS VERY MODERN OF YOU?!
OH, OKAY. THEN I GUESS WE CAN JUST EXCHANGE LINE ADDRESSES FOR NOW. I'LL BRING UP THE QR CODE.*
I DON'T NEED TO DIG THAT DEEP!!
BRAAAH
REALLY? GREAT! THEN I'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING ABOUT ME, ALL THE WAY DOWN TO EVERY LAST NOOK AND CRANNY OF MY BODY! GO ON! EXPLORE AWAY!

*LINE is a popular instant messaging app in Japan.

WHAT'S A LYCOPENE?



HOW OLD ARE YOU RIGHT NOW, LYCO-PENE?
THAT'S SO CUTE! YOU'RE STILL REALLY YOUNG, AREN'T YOU?
OOH! OOH! DO YOU KNOW WHAT MY FAVORITE THING IS? MAMA'S MILK!
I'M THREE YEARS OLD!


UM, THAT ACTUALLY MAKES IT MUCH MORE CONFUS-ING.
SINCE YOU'RE HUMAN, MEH-MEH, YOU'D PROBABLY UNDERSTAND IT BETTER AS ABOUT 1.5 TOMIO UMEZAWA HEADS.
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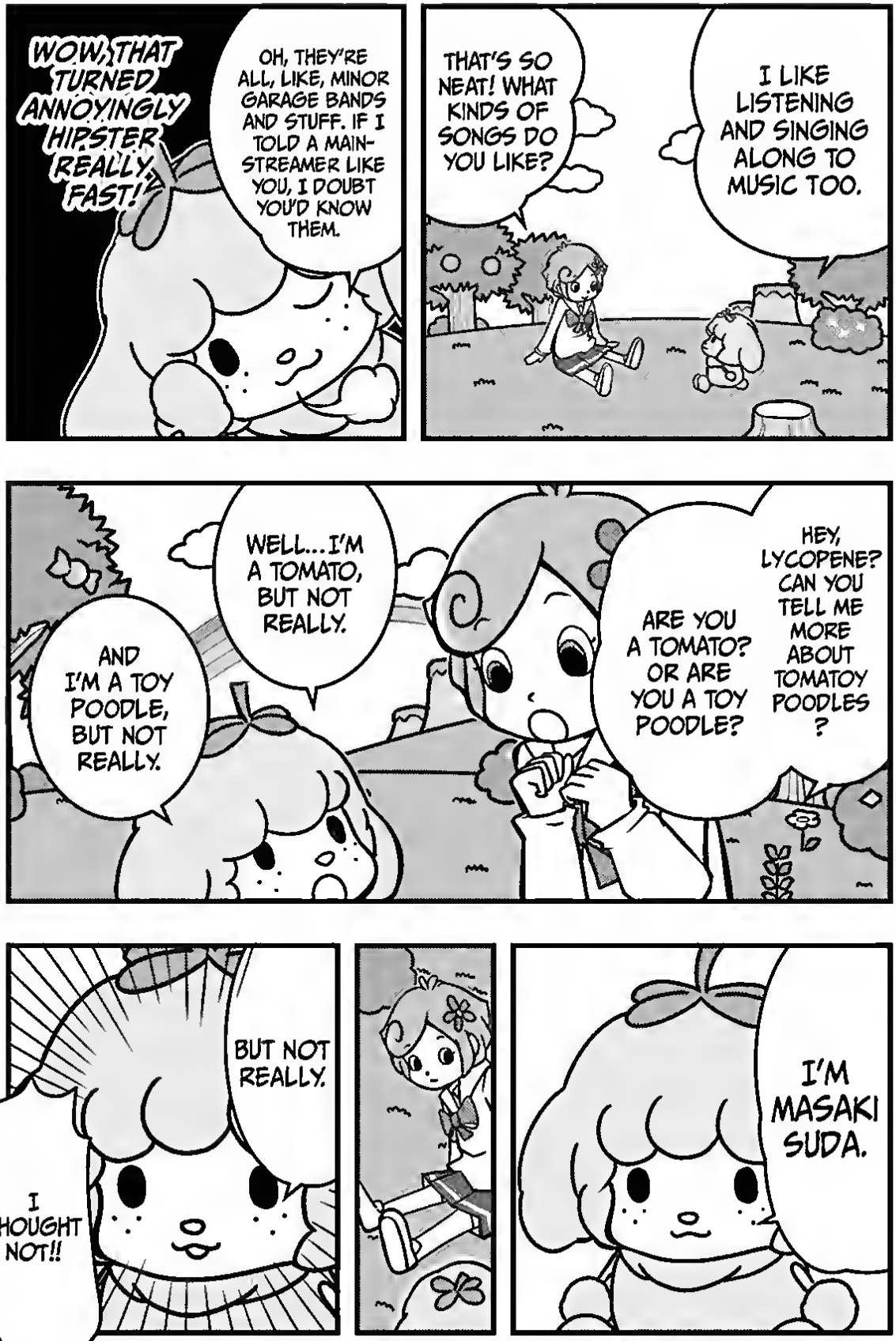
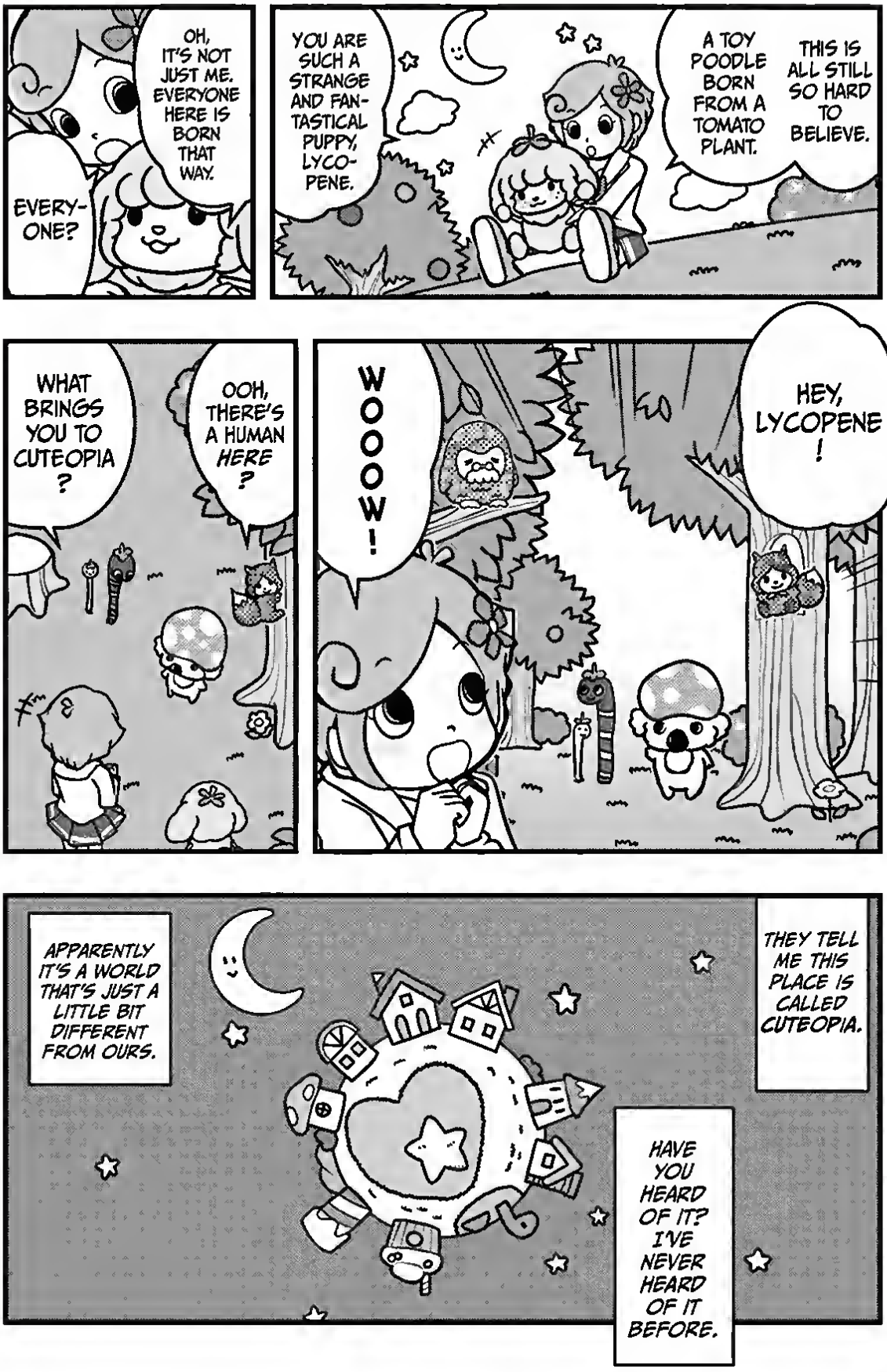
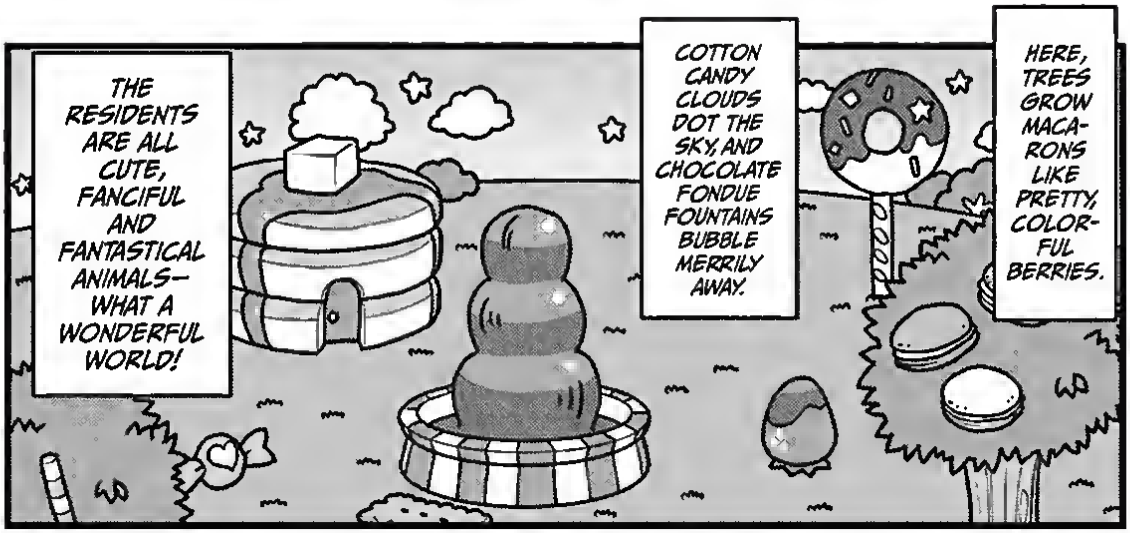
*Tomio Umezawa is an actor.

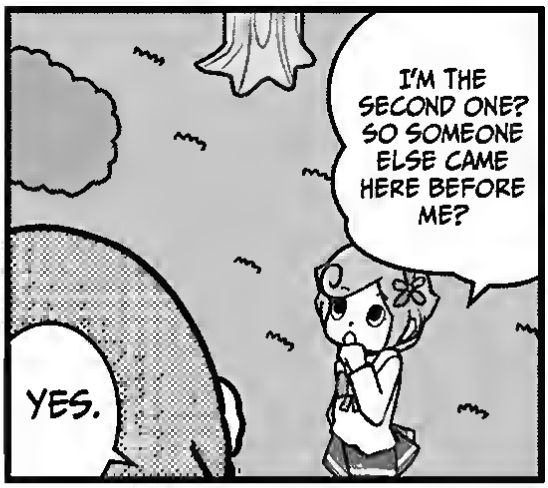

WOW, THAT TURNED ANNOYINGLY HIPSTER REALLY FAST!
OH, THEY'RE ALL, LIKE, MINOR GARAGE BANDS AND STUFF. IF I TOLD A MAINSTREAMER LIKE YOU, I DOUBT YOU'D KNOW THEM.
THAT'S SO NEAT! WHAT KINDS OF SONGS DO YOU LIKE?
I LIKE LISTENING AND SINGING ALONG TO MUSIC TOO.
AND I'M A TOY POODLE, BUT NOT REALLY.
WELL... I'M A TOMATO, BUT NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU A TOMATO? OR ARE YOU A TOY POODLE?
HEY, LYCOPENE? CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT TOMATOY POODLES?
I THOUGHT NOT!!
BUT NOT REALLY.
I'M MASAKI SUDA.

*Masaki Suda is an actor. He's appeared in live-action adaptions of multiple manga series, such as *Gin tama*, *Death Note* and *Assassination Classroom*.

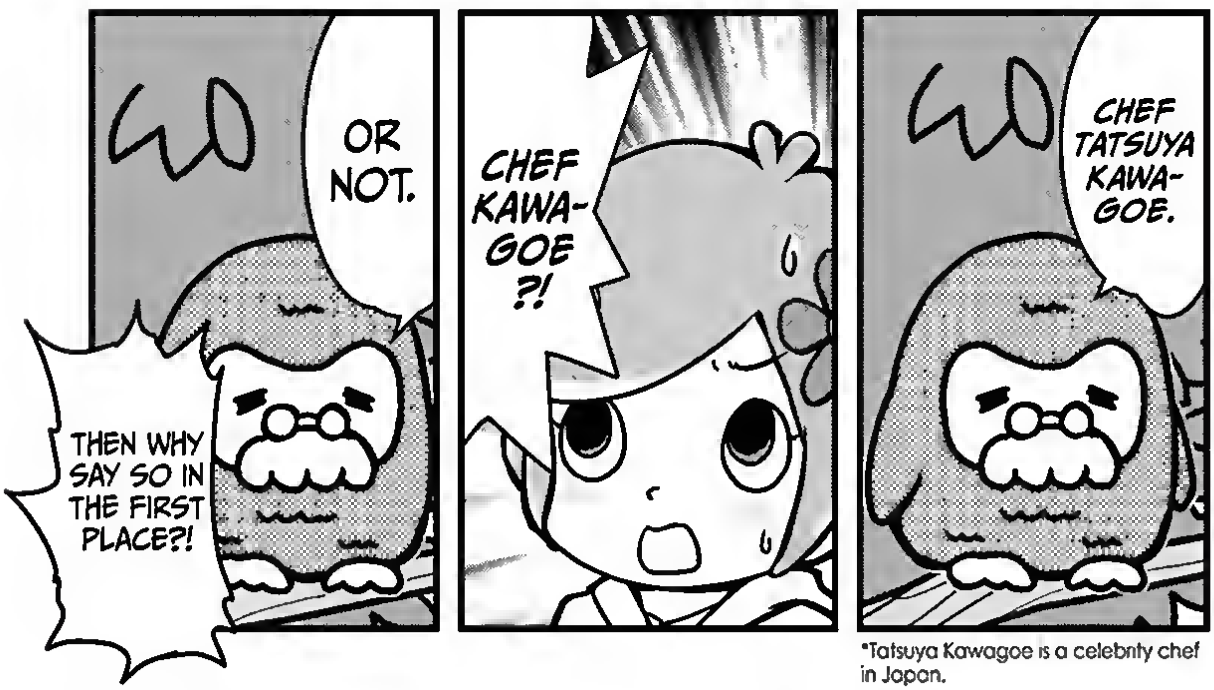
WELCOME TO CUTEOPIA


OH, IT'S NOT JUST ME. EVERYONE HERE IS BORN THAT WAY.
EVERY-ONE?
YOU ARE SUCH A STRANGE AND FAN-TASTICAL PUPPY, LYCO-PENE.
A TOY POODLE BORN FROM A TOMATO PLANT.
THIS IS ALL STILL SO HARD TO BELIEVE.
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO CUTEOPIA?
OOH, THERE'S A HUMAN HERE?
WOOOW!
HEY, LYCOPENE!
APPARENTLY IT'S A WORLD THAT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FROM OURS.
THEY TELL ME THIS PLACE IS CALLED CUTEOPIA.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF IT? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT BEFORE.

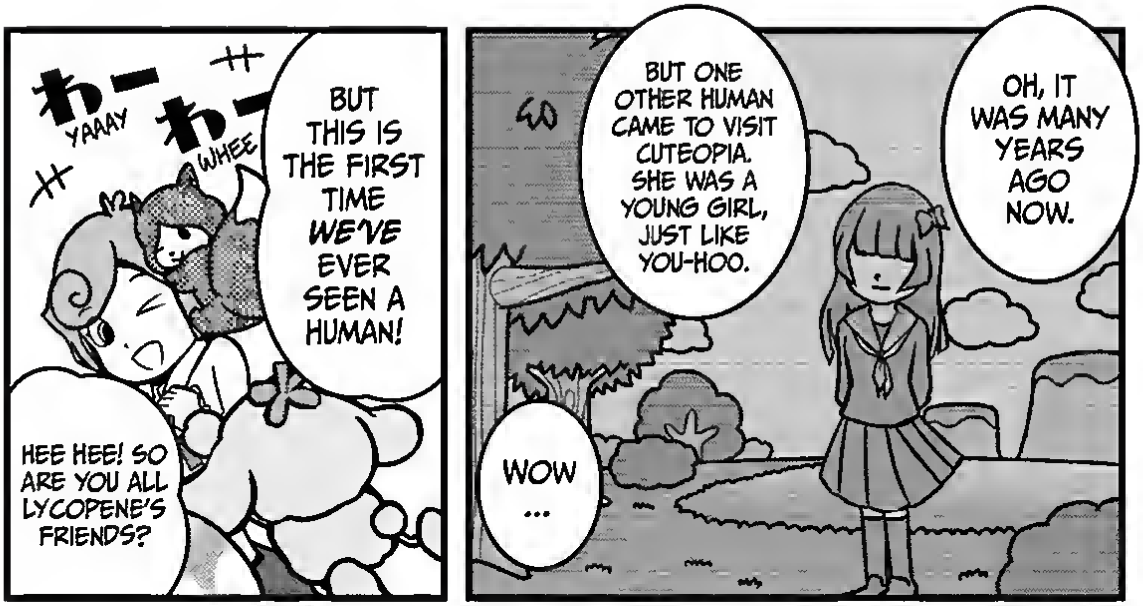

THE RESIDENTS ARE ALL CUTE, FANCIFUL AND FANTASTICAL ANIMALS— WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!
COTTON CANDY CLOUDS DOT THE SKY, AND CHOCOLATE FONDUE FOUNTAINS BUBBLE MERRILY AWAY.
HERE, TREES GROW MACA-RONS LIKE PRETTY, COLOR-FUL BERRIES.



EXCUSE ME. DO HUMANS JUST NOT LIVE HERE AT ALL?
YES, THAT IS TRUE-HOO. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, ONLY ONE OTHER HUMAN HAS COME HERE BESIDES YOU-HOO.



*Tatsuya Kawagoe is a celebrity chef in Japan.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YAAAY
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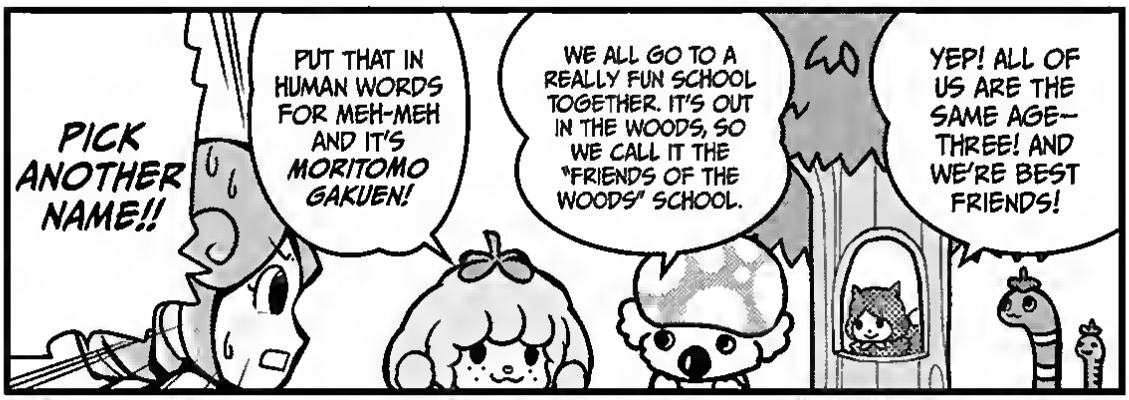
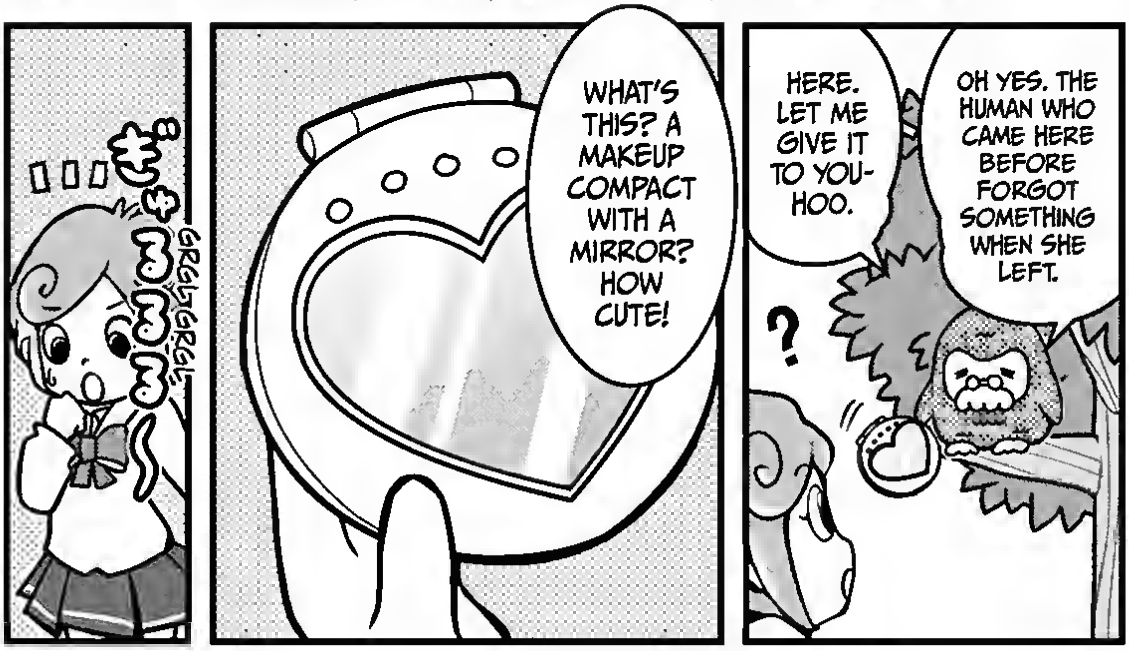
WHEE
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER SEEN A HUMAN!
HEE HEE! SO ARE YOU ALL LYCOPENE'S FRIENDS?
BUT ONE OTHER HUMAN CAME TO VISIT CUTEOPIA. SHE WAS A YOUNG GIRL, JUST LIKE YOU-HOO.
OH, IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO NOW.
WOW ...


PICK ANOTHER NAME!!
PUT THAT IN HUMAN WORDS FOR MEH-MEH AND IT'S MORITOMO GAKUEN!
WE ALL GO TO A REALLY FUN SCHOOL TOGETHER. IT'S OUT IN THE WOODS, SO WE CALL IT THE "FRIENDS OF THE WOODS" SCHOOL.
YEP! ALL OF US ARE THE SAME AGE— THREE! AND WE'RE BEST FRIENDS!

*Moritomo Gakuen is a school currently involved in a political scandal with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.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WHAT'S THIS? A MAKEUP COMPACT WITH A MIRROR? HOW CUTE!
HERE. LET ME GIVE IT TO YOU-HOO.
OH YES. THE HUMAN WHO CAME HERE BEFORE FORGOT SOMETHING WHEN SHE LEFT.
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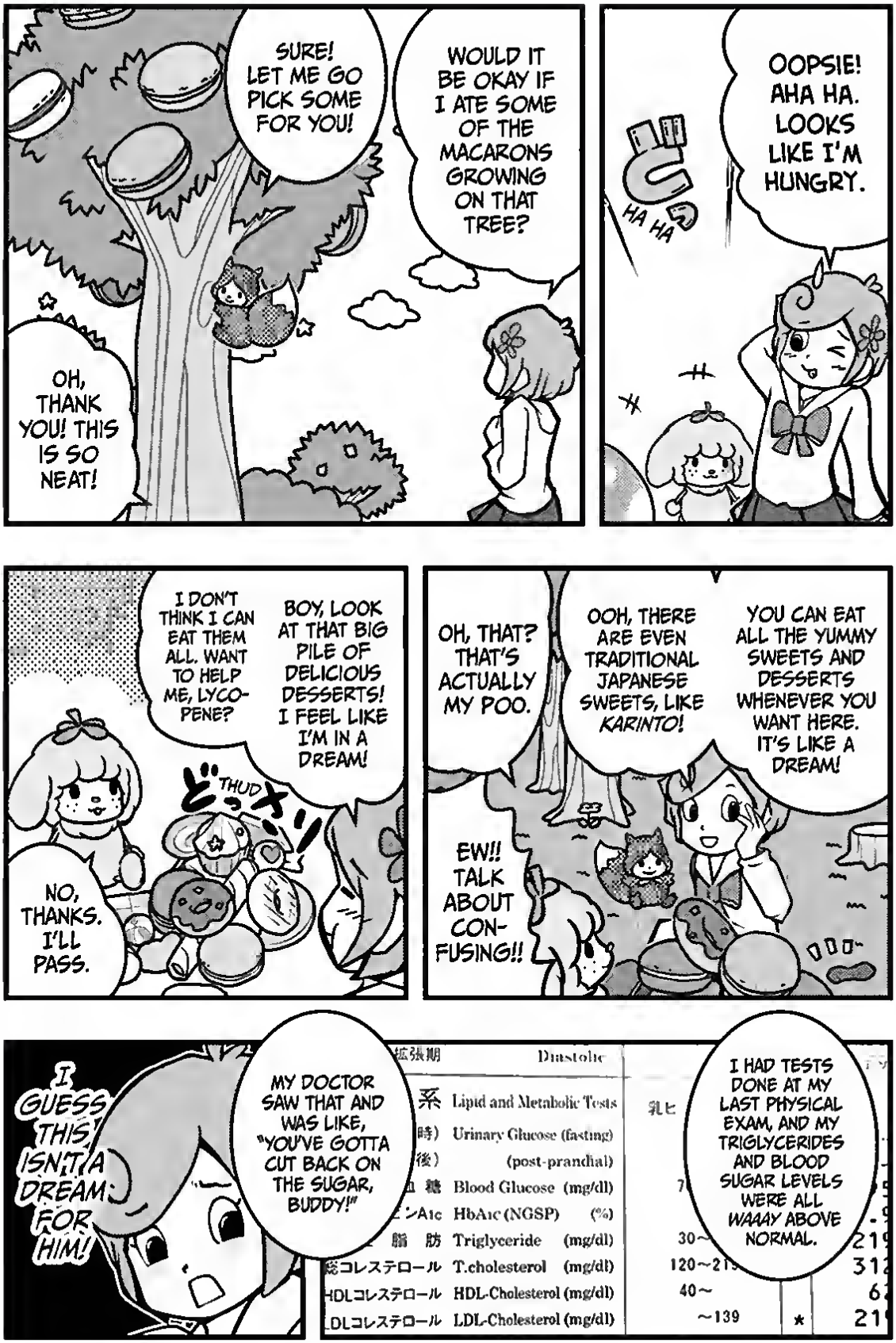
SURE! LET ME GO PICK SOME FOR YOU!
WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I ATE SOME OF THE MACARONS GROWING ON THAT TREE?
OH, THANK YOU! THIS IS SO NEAT!
OOPSIE! AHA HA. LOOKS LIKE I'M HUNGRY.
HA HA
I DON'T THINK I CAN EAT THEM ALL. WANT TO HELP ME, LYCOPENE?
BOY, LOOK AT THAT BIG PILE OF DELICIOUS DESSERTS! I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A DREAM!
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NO, THANKS. I'LL PASS.
OH, THAT? THAT'S ACTUALLY MY POO.
OOH, THERE ARE EVEN TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWEETS, LIKE KARINTO!
YOU CAN EAT ALL THE YUMMY SWEETS AND DESSERTS WHENEVER YOU WANT HERE. IT'S LIKE A DREAM!
EW!! TALK ABOUT CONFUSING!!
I GUESS THIS ISN'T A DREAM FOR HIM!
MY DOCTOR SAW THAT AND WAS LIKE, "YOU'VE GOTTA CUT BACK ON THE SUGAR, BUDDY!"
I HAD TESTS DONE AT MY LAST PHYSICAL EXAM, AND MY TRIGLYCERIDES AND BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS WERE ALL WAAAY ABOVE NORMAL.
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系 Lipid and Metabolic Tests
時) Urinary Glucose (fasting)
後) (post-prandial)
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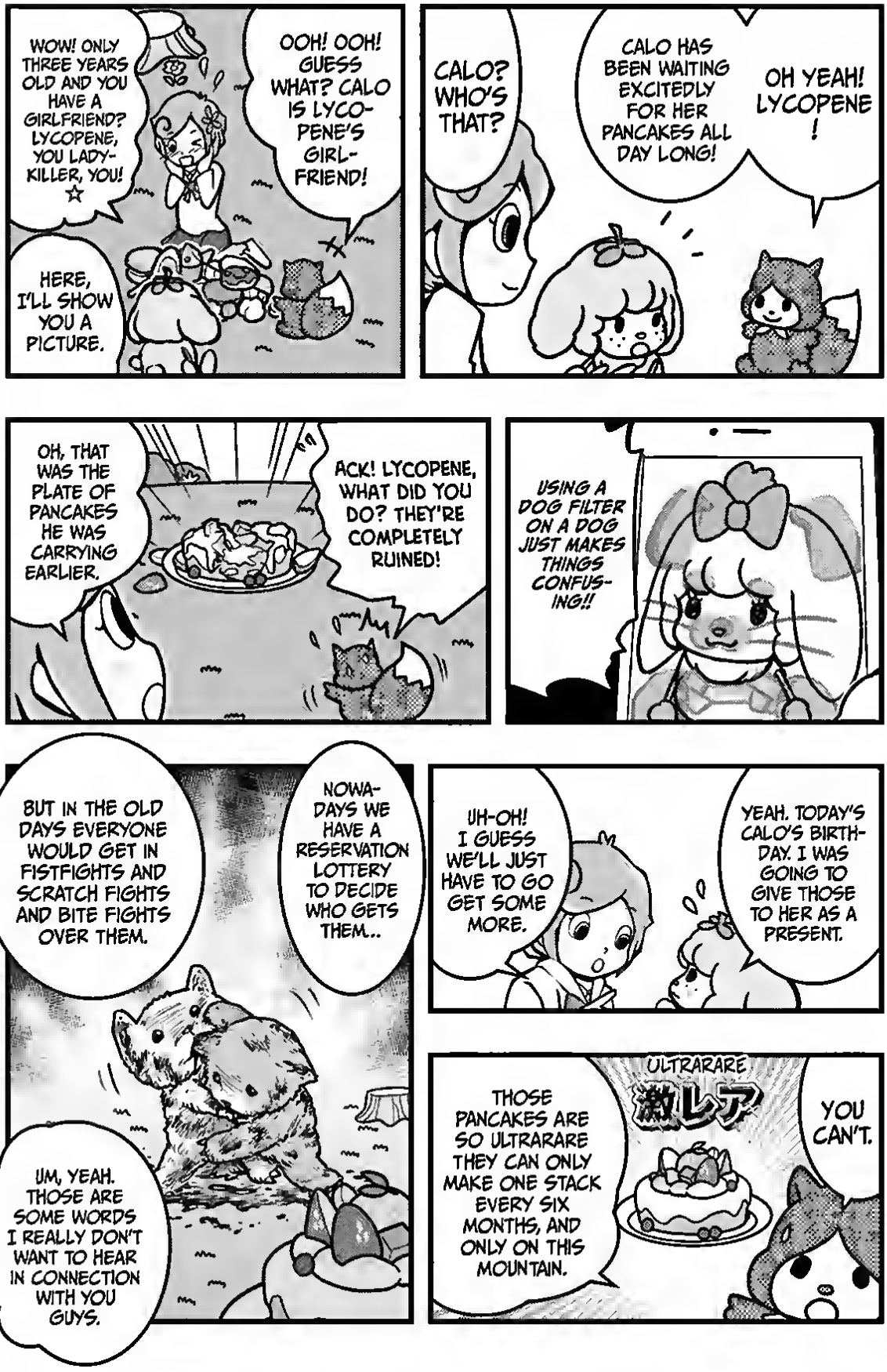
BIRTHDAY PRESENTS


WOW! ONLY THREE YEARS OLD AND YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND? LYCOPENE, YOU LADY-KILLER, YOU!
OOH! OOH! GUESS WHAT? CALO IS LYCO-PENE'S GIRL-FRIEND!
HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU A PICTURE.
CALO? WHO'S THAT?
CALO HAS BEEN WAITING EXCITEDLY FOR HER PANCAKES ALL DAY LONG!
OH YEAH! LYCOPENE!
OH, THAT WAS THE PLATE OF PANCAKES HE WAS CARRYING EARLIER.
ACK! LYCOPENE, WHAT DID YOU DO? THEY'RE COMPLETELY RUINED!
USING A DOG FILTER ON A DOG JUST MAKES THINGS CONFUS-ING!!
BUT IN THE OLD DAYS EVERYONE WOULD GET IN FISTFIGHTS AND SCRATCH FIGHTS AND BITE FIGHTS OVER THEM.
NOWA-DAYS WE HAVE A RESERVATION LOTTERY TO DECIDE WHO GETS THEM...
UM, YEAH. THOSE ARE SOME WORDS I REALLY DON'T WANT TO HEAR IN CONNECTION WITH YOU GUYS.
UH-OH! I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO GET SOME MORE.
YEAH. TODAY'S CALO'S BIRTH-DAY. I WAS GOING TO GIVE THOSE TO HER AS A PRESENT.
THOSE PANCAKES ARE SO ULTRARARE THEY CAN ONLY MAKE ONE STACK EVERY SIX MONTHS, AND ONLY ON THIS MOUNTAIN.
ULTRARARE
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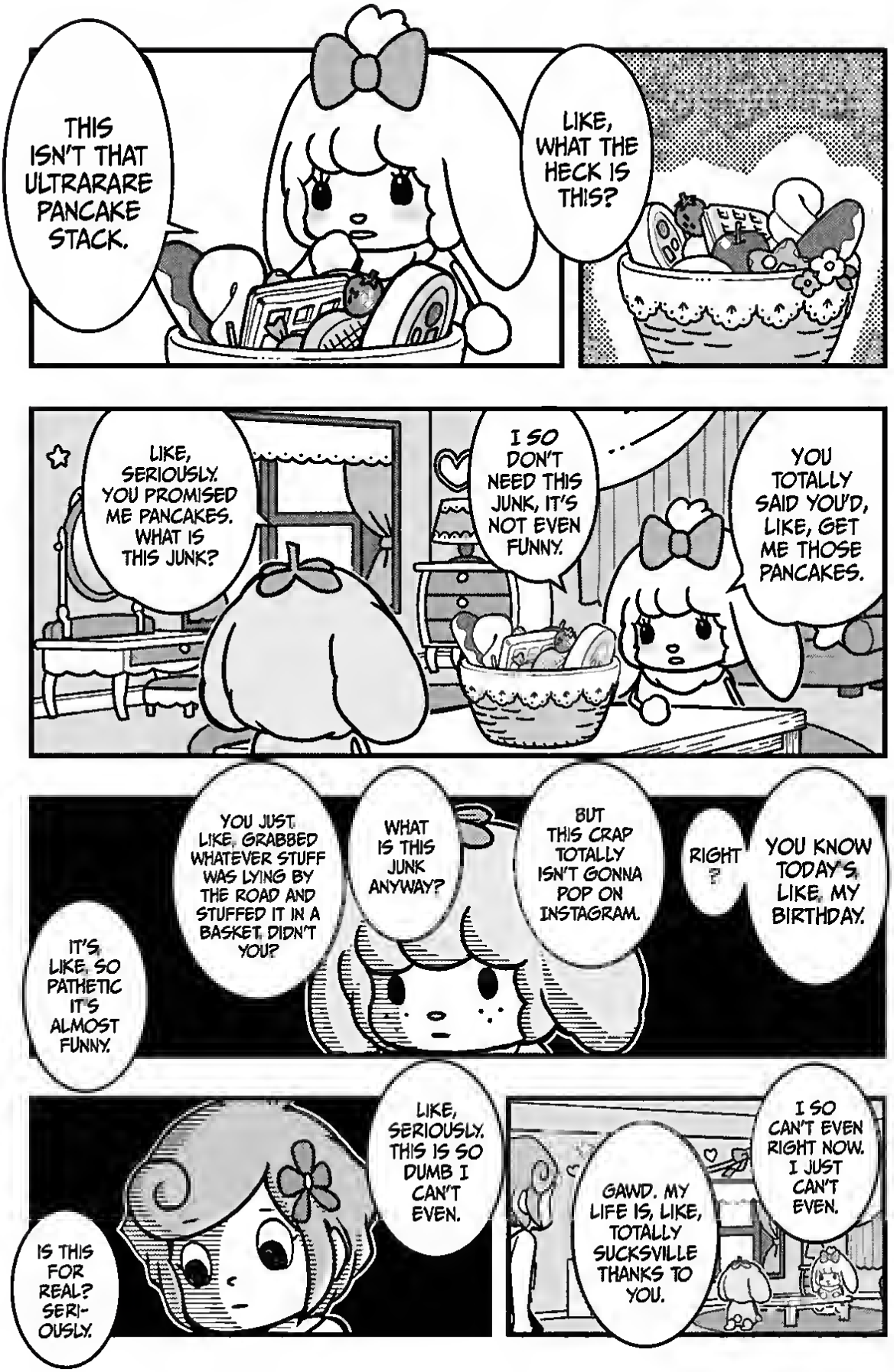
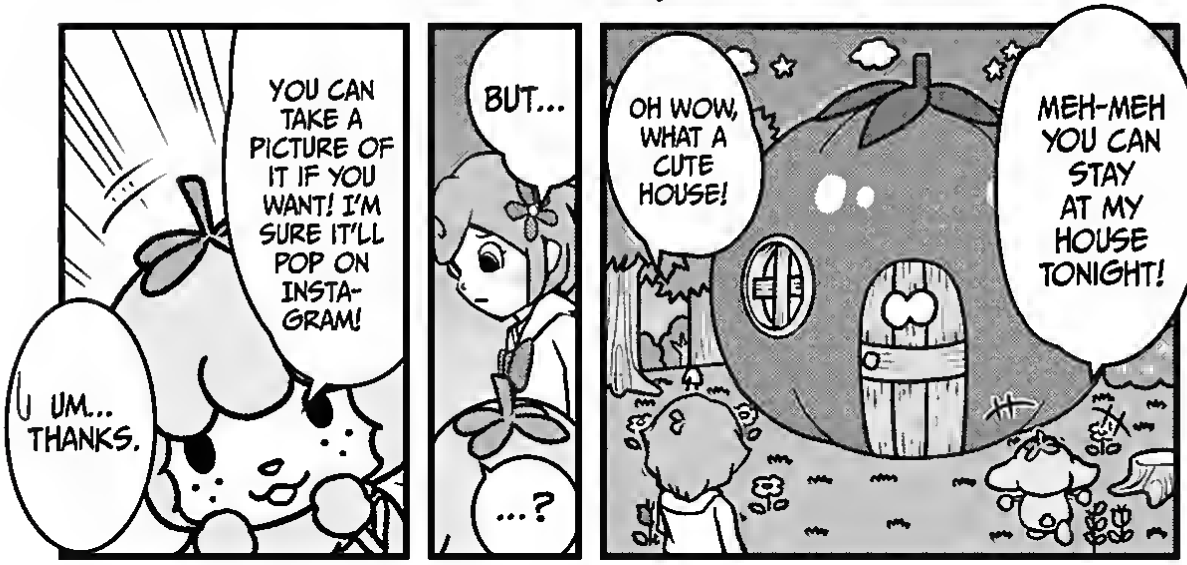
YOU CAN'T.

SEE, WE GIRLS DO LIKE GETTING PRESENTS, YES. BUT MORE THAN THE PRESENT ITSELF...
...WE LIKE THE THOUGHT BEHIND IT EVEN BETTER. KNOWING YOU WANTED TO MAKE HER HAPPY AND WORKED HARD TO PICK OUT JUST THE RIGHT THING IS THE BEST PRESENT OF ALL.
OH NO! NOW WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I PROMISED CALO I WOULD GIVE HER THOSE PANCAKES FOR HER BIRTHDAY!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER GIFT TO GIVE HER, LYCOPENE.
THEN DO YOU THINK SHE'LL LIKE THE SPECIAL WIENER-THEMED SPELLING BOOK I WROTE?
Bob the monk wrote the Sutra on his wiener. Bob got attacked by ghosts.
John was naked. Jo covered his wiene with a leaf.
UM, I PERSONALLY DON'T THINK I'D NEED ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
AND BOY, THESE ARE REALLY DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW!
REALLY?
YEAH. IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU PUT YOUR HEART INTO, I'M SURE SHE'LL LOVE IT.
SNIFF
ANYWAY! LET'S MAKE A NEW PRESENT FOR CALO. I'LL HELP.
ME TOO!
LET ME HELP TOO.
YAAAY!
WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER AND MADE A SUPER-NEAT GIFT BASKET FOR CALO!☆


THIS ISN'T THAT ULTRARARE PANCAKE STACK.
LIKE, WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
LIKE, SERIOUSLY. YOU PROMISED ME PANCAKES. WHAT IS THIS JUNK?
I SO DON'T NEED THIS JUNK, IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY.
YOU TOTALLY SAID YOU'D, LIKE, GET ME THOSE PANCAKES.
IT'S, LIKE, SO PATHETIC IT'S ALMOST FUNNY.
YOU JUST, LIKE, GRABBED WHATEVER STUFF WAS LYING BY THE ROAD AND STUFFED IT IN A BASKET, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT IS THIS JUNK ANYWAY?
BUT THIS CRAP TOTALLY ISN'T GONNA POP ON INSTAGRAM.
RIGHT?
YOU KNOW TODAY'S, LIKE, MY BIRTHDAY.
IS THIS FOR REAL? SERI-OUSLY.
LIKE, SERIOUSLY. THIS IS SO DUMB I CAN'T EVEN.
GAWD. MY LIFE IS, LIKE, TOTALLY SUCKSVILLE THANKS TO YOU.
I SO CAN'T EVEN RIGHT NOW. I JUST CAN'T EVEN.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOMEDAY


YOU CAN TAKE A PICTURE OF IT IF YOU WANT! I'M SURE IT'LL POP ON INSTA-GRAM!
UM... THANKS.
BUT...
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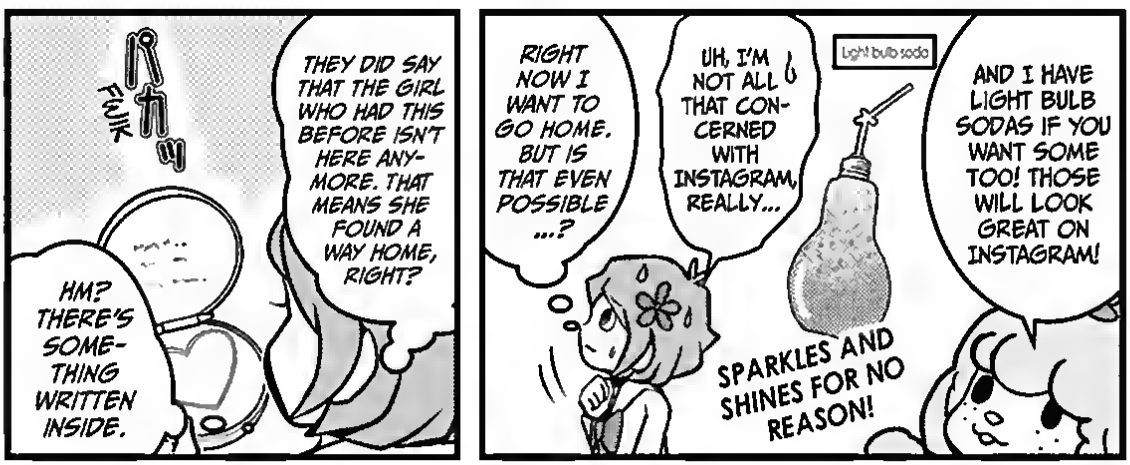
OH WOW, WHAT A CUTE HOUSE!
MEH-MEH YOU CAN STAY AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT!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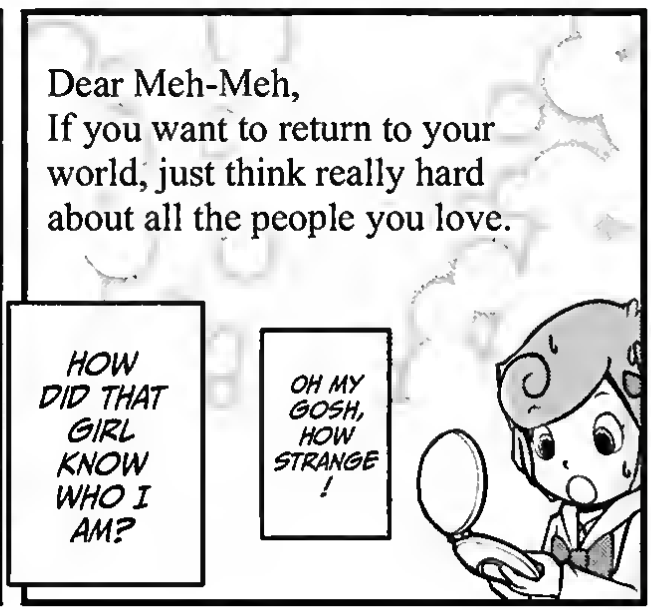
THEY DID SAY THAT THE GIRL WHO HAD THIS BEFORE ISN'T HERE ANY-MORE. THAT MEANS SHE FOUND A WAY HOME, RIGHT?
HM? THERE'S SOME-THING WRITTEN INSIDE.
RIGHT NOW I WANT TO GO HOME. BUT IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE ...?
UH, I'M NOT ALL THAT CON-CERNED WITH INSTAGRAM, REALLY...
Light bulb soda
AND I HAVE LIGHT BULB SODAS IF YOU WANT SOME TOO! THOSE WILL LOOK GREAT ON INSTAGRAM!
SPARKLES AND SHINES FOR NO REASON!


Dear Meh-Meh,
If you want to return to your world, just think really hard about all the people you love.
HOW DID THAT GIRL KNOW WHO I AM?
OH MY GOSH, HOW STRANGE!

WHAT KIND OF TRADE-OFF IS THAT?!
WAAAAH
I WOULDN'T CARE IF PEOPLE CALLED ME MR. VIAGRA DOUBLE-DOSE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S TOO MUCH OF A CROSS TO BEAR?!
WAAAAH
IF YOU'D JUST STAY HERE WITH ME FOREVER, THEN I...
LYCO-PENE...
NOOOO! DON'T GOOOO!
I...!
SNIFL SNIFL
UH, WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?!
BUT MAMA AND PAPA WILL GET WORRIED. I HAVE TO GO HOME...
WHY DOES YOUR FACE LOOK LIKE A CHEAP LINE STICKER?!
DON'T CRY, LYCOPENE. I WANT TO STAY HERE LONGER TOO.
BOO HOO
BOO HOO
WAAAAH! BUT WE JUST BECAME FRIENDS TOO!
YEAH. I KNOW I WILL.
YOU WILL?
I PROMISE YOU I'LL VISIT AGAIN SOMEDAY!
ANY-WAY, I'LL COME BACK.

CUTEOPIA.
LYCO-PENE.
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK BY MY SCHOOL.
IT WAS LIKE I'D SUDDENLY WOKEN UP FROM A DREAM.
I THINK ...
MAYBE ALL OF IT...
...WAS JUST ONE LONG DREAM.
Lycopene has sent you a message.
DING
What are you up to? Are you busy? Will you save us-suka!
Would you go to your closest convenience store and buy a prepaid web-money card for me?
AND HIS AC-COUNT'S ALREADY HACKED !!
LYCO-PENE!

*This is a comman scam on the LINE app.